

HUNT FOR CONVICTS AT LARGE

**TRAIL THROUGH MISS GOULD'S
AND OTHER ESTATES.**

Both Captured Near by After a Few Hours of Freedom—One Puts Up a Fight and Gets Away but Is Caught Again—Both Sent to Sing Sing From Queens.

OSWING, Jan. 11.—Fred A. Nedwid, 27 years old, and Francis Frank, convicts in Sing Sing prison, escaped this morning. Frank was captured in the afternoon at Irvington and Nedwid was caught near by early in the evening.

The two convicts, according to their rule, went to the kitchen at about 5 o'clock.

They were in charge of Officer Hahn. About ten minutes later he missed them and so reported to the office of Warden Frost. A search was made and it was discovered that the men had ascended the stairs to the bake shop on the floor above and after breaking a window sash had reached the ground by way of a ladder.

Tracks in the snow led to the iron fence on the river side of the prison, and beyond this the footprints led along the ice around the south wall. Following in a southerly direction the tracks were lost sight of near the Sparta lime kilns. Warden Frost and all his available men started immediately in pursuit.

At Tarrytown Officer Alexander Maginley saw the two men, but lost them in a woodland. Several civilians interested

The Tarrytown police had received notification of the escape. It was found that the men had gone to Tarrytown and broken into the residence of John H. Hall at McKeel avenue and Neperan road. They hid in the basement. The bus-

gular alarm went off in the gardener's cottage and he went to the house to see what was the matter. As he entered the house the two men jumped out through a glass window, and from the blood marks on the sash they had been badly cut in their haste to escape. Chief Delaney went at once to the Hall place. From the description he knew that the men were the missing convicts. He traced them by snowprints through Charles J. Gould's place and there he lost the trail.

Alexander Megninley, who is a night keeper in Sing Sing Prison, knew of the escape, and before he retired this morning he told his wife and daughter about it. Shortly after noon Miss Megninley looked out of her window on Van Wart avenue and she saw two men walking hurriedly up the street. She recognized the prison garb and she ran and awakened her father. He jumped up and hastily

dressed, not taking time to put on his shoes, but going out in his arctic. In his haste he forgot to take club or revolver. At a roadway he caught sight of the two men and he followed behind until they reached Sheldon avenue, where there are a number of stores. Unfortunately no one was on the street. Singlehanded Meginley walked up and

Meginley yelled for help and John

Livingston and John Farrell, who were coming up Broadway in a sleigh, saw Frank running and they gave chase. Frank ran through Joseph Eastman's estate and crossed over through John T. Terry's property and finally reached Miss Helen M. Gould's place, where he hid under a stack of hay. Livingston and Farrell were close behind and they both jumped on him and he gave up.

In the meantime Meginley had taken his prisoner to Anton Lechnor's saloon to telephone to Warden Frost that he had the convicts. While in the saloon Lechnor stepped out to get his lunch, leaving Meginley alone with his man. Lechnor had just stepped out when Hedwid hauled off and hit Meginley a blow in the chest, keeling him over, and

Meginley recovered quickly and gave chase. He followed the man down through the Eastman place, across the railroad tracks and out on the ice to the channel. The convict found that the river was open and he was forced to return. If Meginley had had a gun he could have brought his man down. Had

wid was younger than Meginley and finally eluded him and reached Miss Gould's dock, which he climbed and then cut up through her property toward her summer home. Meginley yelled to some railroad men to catch Hedwid, but they didn't understand him. Meginley pursued the fellow right to Miss Gould's home and there he lost trace of

Meginley telephoned for the Irvington police and with the policemen every nook and corner of Miss Gould's barn was searched. Livingston and Farrell held to their man and Warden Frost drove down and took him back to prison.

Then State Detective Jackson appeared and with Meginley a thorough search was made of Miss Gould's grounds.

Nedwid eluded pursuit until 7 o'clock in the evening, when he was captured at Irvington by Officer McCall and Keppeler Irving, McWilliams and Daly of the prison. He had made his way back to the village.

Both of the men were sentenced from Queens county. Nedwid, who was serving an indeterminate sentence of from two years and six months to four years, and six months for grand larceny in the second degree, was assigned to the county jail.

second degree, was received at the prison on November 4 last, and Frank, whose crime was burglary and grand larceny in the second degree, was serving an indeterminate term of from four years to seven years and ten months. He arrived at the prison on December 3 last.

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